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United States Agricultural Production for 1944
Summary of Production Goals Suggested by War Food Administration and
Goals Adopted by States, with Comparisons

Item	Unit	Computed Require- ments	Average 1937-41	1942	1943 Indicated	1944 National Goal	State Goals 1944	Percent of 1943 Indicated	State Goal as Percent of 1943 National Goal
Crop Acreages									
Grain and Hay	1,000 Acres		294,307	287,096	293,646	307,258	307,724	104.8	100.2
Corn, planted	1,000 Acres	99,550	91,975	91,011	96,818	100,000	100,253	103.5	100.3
Oats, planted	"	38,774	39,646	42,662	42,654	39,000	39,558	92.7	101.4
Barley, planted	"	17,510	14,290	19,448	17,893	17,500	17,372	97.1	99.3
Sorghums (except sirup), planted	"	16,385	17,070	15,889	17,220	16,400	16,740	97.2	102.1
Hay, all tame, harvested	"		57,197	60,211	60,489	62,023	62,838	103.9	101.3
Wheat, planted	"	68,548	69,311	52,533	54,159	68,000	67,030	123.8	98.6
Rye, for harvest as grain	"	2,581	3,700	3,837	2,875	2,800	2,408	83.8	86.0
Rice, planted	"	1,490	1,118	1,505	1,538	1,535	1,525	99.2	99.3
Oil and Fiber Crops									
Soybeans, harvested for beans	"		35,475	43,444	45,267	49,406	48,681	107.5	98.5
Flaxseed, planted	"	14,000	4,121	10,762	11,480	14,000	13,654	118.9	97.5
Peanuts 2/ (grown alone)	"	6,250	2,307	4,691	6,299	6,200	5,895	93.7	95.1
(picked and threshed)	"		2,361	4,384	5,013	6,500	6,158	122.8	94.7
Cotton, (in cultivation, July 1)	"	(5,500)	(1,818)	(3,425)	(4,191)	(5,500)	(4,964)	(118.4)	(90.2)
Flax, for fiber	"		26,357	23,302	21,995	22,000	22,277	101.3	101.3
Hemp, for fiber	"		3/	19	15	25	12	80.0	48.0
Hemp, for seed	"		3/	16	174	225	221	127.0	98.2
Broom corn, planted	"	400	329	235	52	40	50	96.2	125.0
Sugar Crops									
Sugar beets, planted	"		1,202	1,368	967	1,235	1,284	132.8	104.0
Sugar cane, for sugar and seed, planted	"		862	913	1,045	900	951	149.5	105.7
Vegetables									
Irish potatoes, planted	"		335	289	323	331	333	100.6	99.4
Sweet potatoes, planted	"		9,195	6,813	7,128	7,997	8,409	106.0	100.8
Fresh vegetables, 23 crops	"		3,730	2,913	2,793	3,444	3,519	102.2	100.5
Processing vegetables, 11 crops	"		1,000	741	708	923	1,000	114.4	105.6
Other Crops									
Dry beans, planted	"		1,955	1,732	1,659	1,524	1,684	110.8	100.2
Dry peas, planted	"		2,510	1,427	1,968	2,106	2,225	104.9	99.3
Tobacco, planted	"								
Winter cover crop seed 5/	"								
Hay crop seed 6/	"								
Total Acreage for Goal Crops 7/				345,104	354,924	374,550	374,000	105.4	99.9
Acreage Planted or Grown, of 52 Field Crops 8/				353,384	353,856	363,694			
Livestock and Animal Production									
Milk, production on farms	Million lbs	127,200	107,899	119,240	118,302	122,000	121,237	102.5	99.4
Milk cows, number on farms	Thousand								
Eggs	Head		23,579	25,159	25,669	26,300	26,148	101.9	99.4
Hens and pullets	Million								
Chickens	Dozen	4,985	3,252	4,018	4,516	4,546	4,597	101.8	101.1
Chicken, broilers	Thousands		376,576	426,226	487,089	540,812	527,012	108.2	97.4
Turkeys	"		656,464	794,787	925,652	900,000	892,983	96.5	99.2
Hogs (Sows to farrow in spring)	"		110,927	204,060	248,576	200,000	208,805	84.0	104.4
(Sows to farrow in fall)	Thousand		30,723	33,206	33,176	32,000	32,079	96.7	100.2
Cattle and calves (Total)	Head								
(Beef cows)	"		7,525	9,657	12,140	10,219	10,325	85.0	101.0
Sheep and Lambs	"		4,798	6,825	8,515	7,021	6,898	81.0	98.2
	"		67,403	78,170	80,800	78,195	76,842	95.1	98.3
	"		10,534	12,672	12,466	11,899	11,970	96.0	100.6
	"		52,101	55,089	55,089	52,925	51,901		98.1

1/ For a few States tentative goals have been included. 2/ Peanuts "grown alone" included in "Oil and fiber crops" totals. 3/ Negligible amount.
4/ Harvested acreage. 5/ Includes hairy vetch, common vetch, purple vetch, austrian winter peas, crimson clover, and common ryegrass. 6/ Includes red clover, sweet clover, timothy, alfalfa, alsike and lespedeza. 7/ Excludes estimated acreage duplication such as between peanuts and hay, etc. The acreage required in 1944 for "goal crops" and for miscellaneous crops for which goals have not been set is estimated at approximately 380 million acres. 8/ Reported by crop reporting board, U.S.D.A. 1943 is preliminary. 9/ Number on farms January 1, 1943. 10/ Preliminary indications of number on farms January 1, 1945 prepared by Bureau of Agricultural Economics from State reports on wartime production capacity and from other data. 11/ Estimated number that would be on farms January 1, 1945 if the suggested 1944 marketing and farm slaughter are achieved. 12/ Estimated number on farms January 1, 1944 if numbers are adjusted more nearly in line with feed and range conditions, and if marketings and farm slaughter in the fall of 1943 are of the volume necessary to meet current requirements.

Source: Production goal tables for 1944 and reports from State goal meetings.

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